

Application No. 09/901,979

Applicant(s): Lutz Heuer et al.

Amendment in Response to Office Action dated November 12, 2003

Amendments to the Claims:

The present listing of the claims replaces all past listings of the claims:

Listing of claims:

Claims 1-8. (Canceled).

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A method of protecting an industrial material against the deleterious effects of microorganisms, said method comprising applying to said industrial material an amount of the antimicrobial composition according to claim 7 15 that is effective to protect said industrial material against said microorganisms.

Claim 10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The antimicrobial composition according to claim 7 15, wherein the second ingredient is an azole selected from the group consisting of tebuconazole and propiconazole.

Claim 12. (Currently Amended) The antimicrobial composition according to claim 7 15, wherein the second ingredient is tebuconazole.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

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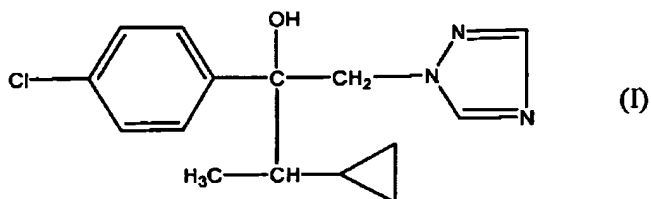
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Claim 14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial composition comprising a synergistically effective amount thereof of:

- a) a first ingredient, which is α -(4-chlorophenyl)- α -(1-cyclopropylethyl)-1H-1,2,4-triazole-1-ethanol of the formula (I):



(cyproconazole) or a metal salt complex or acid addition salt thereof; and

- b) a second ingredient, which is an azole fungicide or insecticide other than said first ingredient, selected from the group consisting of triadimefon, triadimenol, bitertanol, tebuconazole, propiconazole, azoconazole, hexaconazole, prochloraz, bromuconazole, metconazole, penconazole, difenoconazole, fenbuconazole, opus and fensilazole.

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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.